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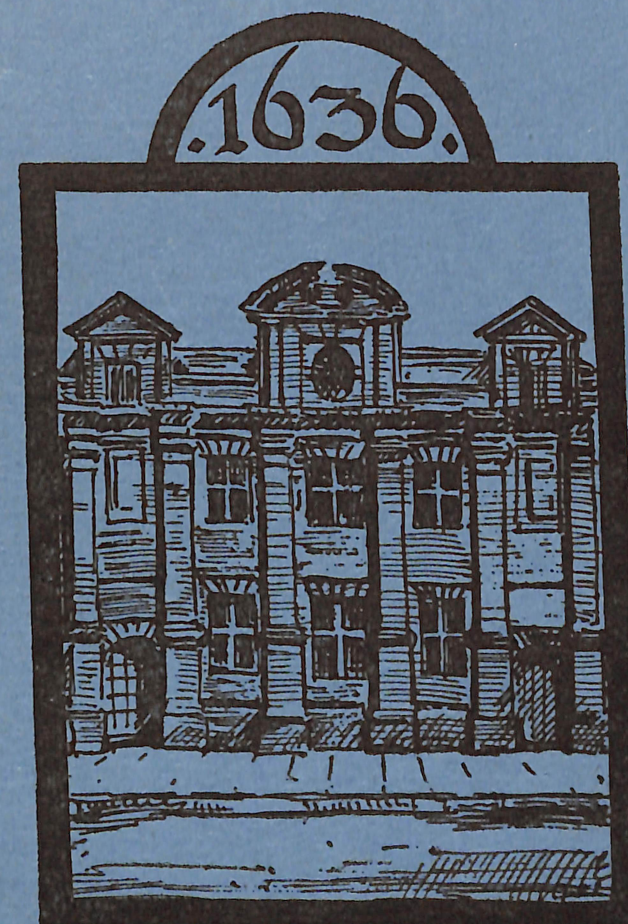
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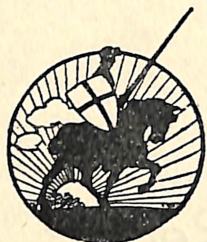
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## EDITORIAL

To most of us here at R.G.S., this term has seemed quite an ordinary summer term. The majority have either grumbled about the Test matches or forlorn Wimbledon hopes, or even this English weather, but none seems to have sensed the transformation that is about to take place in the school. "Transformation!" you may say, "but that happened at the beginning of the year with the new divisions!" It did, but this coming term will see the logical outcome of these new divisions made by the Headmaster 'way back in '49.

Just before half-term M.S. III and IV underwent an intensive examination for "graduation" into the Upper School, and, thus, next term will see the beginnings of an Upper School every member of which will have had to fight to get into it. Under the new divisions, too, the Upper School has had rather more responsibility thrust upon it this term, and fortnightly Upper School meetings have been held in alternation with separate assemblies. Let us hope that next year the new "Graduates" will enter upon their tasks whole-heartedly and that the Upper School of the future will work together as a body just as did the old Sixth Form.

There has been a reinstatement this year of the Educational Visits of years gone by. The schemes of visits were worked out much more closely and they really were educational in the strictest sense of the term. There was one innovation and that was that the majority of the parties went by coach. This surely is a much saner and cheaper mode of travel for our visits, for slight detours may be made and the "visitors" are really able to see the heart of the country through which they pass.

This term sees the departure of Mrs. Elliott from our midst. Mrs. Elliott joined the school in 1943 and her work in every quarter has been vigorous and untiring. Her work in administration and coaching on the field of sport has been outstanding, and she has helped to raise the Swimming Sports to the very high level it at present holds. Her work in arranging the truly spectacular Country Dancing displays at Open Days has been no less remarkable. Mrs. Elliott, too, has held the post of Guide Captain during her time with us, and she has put in some invaluable work in that sphere. We are very sorry to have to say goodbye to her, and we know we speak the mind of the whole school when we say "Long life! Good luck in the future! Thank you!"

THE EDITORS.

## SCHOOL DIARY

April

27. Term began.

May

1. A.T.C. Parade. H.Q., Hastings.

3. Headmasters' Employment Committee Interviews.

5. School Committee Meeting.



May

- 6. Barnardo Box Opening.
- 11. Army Lecture.
- 15. Headmaster's Exam. for M.S. III and IV began.
- 23. Athletic Sports.
- 24. First Interim.
- 29. } Half Term.
- 30. }

June

- 5. A.T.C. Parade. H.Q., Hastings.
- 17. Open Day.
- 19. H.S.C. started.
- 21. Second Interim.
- 22. Field Day and U.S. visit to Canterbury.
- 23. S.C. began.

July

- 3. A.T.C. Parade. H.Q., Hastings.
- 5. School Exams. began
- 7. H.S.C. ended.
- 11. S.C. ended.
- 15. Parents' Association Fete and Concert.
- 20. Educational Visits.
- 21. Swimming Sports.
- 24. Debates.
- 25. School Committee. U.S. Farewell Social.
- 26. Term ended.

The Headmaster has recently received a sum of money from the Tunstall family, for the foundation of an annual prize, or prizes. There are to be discussions during next term as to the nature of the award.

### OBITER DICTA

We were very pleased to receive letters from P. Gutsell, serving with B.A.O.R. in Hamburg, A. J. Smith in a R.A.F. meteorological office in Shallufa near Suez, and R. B. Wigg who is with the Royal Naval Air Service at Lossiemouth in Scotland. Parts of these very interesting letters appear in another part of this issue.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the magazines from Ashford Grammar School and Hove County Grammar School for Boys.

We are very sorry this term to have to say goodbye to Mrs. Elliott who has been full-time Games and P.T. Mistress since the Autumn of 1943. She presented the awards at the end of term assembly and in turn was presented with a leather writing case in token of our appreciation of her work.

We are also sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Underhill from Australia who has been with us during the term taking History

and Geography in the Middle School. She also gave members of U.S.4 two very interesting and informative lectures on modern literature.

We were pleased to see another of our Colonial friends at the end of term assembly in the person of Mr. Hanlon.

We have been pleased to see as many as four French girls and boys in our midst this term. As well as having Yveline and Yvette at our school as pupils, we enjoyed having Cyril and Robert at some of our end of term functions.

*Vive l'Entente Cordiale!*

There has been so much talk about Saltcote Place which is opening in September as the Rye Grammar School boarding house for girls, that we think the present edition of RYA would be incomplete without some mention of it. We hope that such a lovely house in such a lovely site will prove a very happy home for its occupants.

Congratulations to :—

Helen Gill on gaining Tennis Colours ;  
D. Cooke on gaining Cricket Colours ;  
Margaret Crowther and Christine Weeks on gaining Gym. Colours ;  
All members of the Red Cross Youth Detachment who gained their certificates this term ;  
Kestrel Patrol (Scouts) on winning the Apps Cup ;  
2nd Rye Guides on winning the Rye District Cup ;  
The A.T.C. members who have been promoted during this term.

### VALETE

As usual at the end of the Summer Term we are losing many members of our Upper School. This year we send our very sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous future to :—

Gillian Pratt, Helen Gill, Patricia Payne, Muriel Gill, Phyllis Doel, Eileen Stoodley, Monica Partleton, B. Swaine, H. Godden, A. Davis, J. Bachelor, B. Talbot, R. Mitchell, J. Traynor, G. Baker, P. Hickman, P. Brett, M. Payne, S. Payne; K. Howlett, Sutton, Hartill, K. Thompson, B. Baker, White, Clayson, Wilson, Britt, Shearer, M. Doust, M. Tiltman, Whiteman, Marchant.

### MERYON HOUSE

House Master :	Mr. Allnutt.
House Mistress :	Miss Turner.
Boys' Captain :	Clayson.
Girls' Captain :	P. Doel.
House Secretary :	G. Hickman.
House Treasurer :	K. S. F. Howlett.
Prefects :	P. Doel, G. Pratt, J. Smith. Clayson, Howlett.



This year the House suffered a great loss when our former House Mistress, Miss Tunstall, died in December. She left the House at the beginning of the Autumn Term and her place was taken by Miss Turner. Miss Tunstall had served the House loyally since it was founded.

This year has seen an all round improvement in the performances of the House in the fields of sport. Although we have won only two shields for Netball and Cross-country running and tied for the Cricket, we obtained second place in all but one of the other shields. By doing so we tied with Sanders for the Games Championship Shield. The last time we won it was six years ago. In the Tennis and P.T. competitions we were beaten by very narrow margins and if only a little more effort was put in at the right moment we might easily have won three more shields which would have given us a clear cut victory in the Cock House shield.

On the academic side the picture was much the same and but for a little more effort in our work and a few less black marks we might have won the Work and Merit Shield. As it was Peacocke slowly increased their slender lead on us throughout the year to win the shield by a small margin. In the Speech and Music we did not do so well and occupied last place.

The collection during the year amounted to £9 and has been donated to John Groom's Crippilage, The National Children's Home, Dr. Barnardo's and Fairbridge Farm Schools. As usual several of our senior members are leaving us, including Phyllis Doel (girls' captain), Clayson (boys' captain) and Howlett (our energetic treasurer). We wish them all every success and happiness in their future career.

The House has more than once expressed its appreciation of all the work which has been done by the House Committee and particularly by the House-master and House-mistress.

G. HICKMAN.

#### PEACOCKE HOUSE

House Master :	Mr. Bagley.
House Mistress :	Miss Fairbanks.
Boys' Captain :	D. Cooke.
Girls' Captain :	Barbara Wilson.
House Secretary :	K. C. Thompson.
House Treasurer :	R. Wood.
Prefects :	W. Wilson, W. F. T. Hartill, K. C. Thompson, Barbara Wilson, Eileen Stoodley.

Peacocke House has enjoyed average success in the past year, both academically and in the field of sport. The House has gained the Swimming Shield with a particularly keen and talented team, and, at the time of writing, leads in the Work and Merit Competition and is in the running for the Cricket Shield. Meetings have been conducted in a more orderly and conventional manner than in latter years, while House Collections

have reached a new peak, over £10—10—0 having been collected. The House has therefore been able to adopt a Leper Child—Josephine Fadipe—in Nigeria. To an appeal for outgrown clothing for the "Save the Children Fund" there was a most gratifying response.

At the last meeting this term the House gave their very good wishes to those of their members who are leaving. A vote of thanks was passed to all those who have worked hard for Peacocke, especially to Miss Fairbanks and Mr. Bagley and to the House Officers.—K.C.T.

#### SANDERS' HOUSE

House Master :	Mr. Douglas.
House Mistress :	Miss Dann.
Boys' Captain :	D. White.
Girls' Captain :	June Terry.
Girls' Vice-Captain :	Pat Payne.
House Secretary :	B. Y. Baker.
House Treasurer :	D. A. H. Thomas.
Prefects :	June Terry, Helen Gill, Pat Payne, N. J. Godden, B. Y. Baker, D. White, G. Simmons.

This year has been another successful year for Sanders in the field of sport. The Hockey and Football awards were carried off fairly easily but the House did not do so well in the Netball Competition. The boys did not excel at Cross-country Running nor did they in the Gym. Competition, but the girls did very well in their Gym. Competition to beat Meryon by a single point. They also managed to win the Tennis Competition although this was decided on game aggregate as Sanders had tied with Meryon on the number of points for matches won. The combined efforts of boys with girls resulted in a very exciting win in the Athletic Sports, and a frantic struggle with Meryon for second place in the Swimming Sports, although we failed in the last relay, and Meryon managed to beat us by a very small margin. Positions regarding House Championship are still in doubt. We did very well to win the Speech and Music Competition in the face of some pretty tough opposition, but what has happened in the Work and Merit Competition? Sanders has been holding on to the wooden spoon from the word "go," but whether the egg was ever in the spoon is a matter for some discussion. In any case Sanders is very much behind and if victory in this competition is ever to be gained again the House must pull together much more and work with that team spirit that has so distinguished them on the field of sport during the past few years.

We were very sorry that June Terry, the Girls' Captain, was not able to fill her place during the latter part of the Spring, and the Summer Term owing to illness. Pat Payne was elected



Temporary Captain, and we hope June will soon be quite well again.

Collections have been rather poor this year in comparison with other years' collections, despite frantic efforts by the new Treasurer, Thomas. We did however raise £5 to keep a child in the West African Leper Colony and the rest of the year's collection, —£5—7—0—has been sent to the "Children's Country Holiday" Fund.

Many of the Seniors in the House are leaving at the end of this term, and we extend to them our warmest thanks for what they have done for the House while they have been at R.G.S., and our best wishes for their future careers. Last but by no means least, we wish to thank Miss Dann and Mr. Douglas who have showed the utmost enthusiasm in all House activities throughout the year.

B. YORKE BAKER.

### HOUSE NEWS (Summer)

Athletics: Meryon 492½. Peacocke 441. Sanders 503.  
Tennis: Meryon 6. Peacocke 0. Sanders 6.  
Cricket: Meryon 4. Peacocke 4. Sanders 4.  
Swimming: Meryon 190. Peacocke 226. Sanders 182.  
House Championship for Sport: Meryon and Sanders.  
Work and Merit Competition: Meryon 175½, Peacocke 198, Sanders 130½.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Meetings this term have been much more interesting and members have shown greater zeal and enthusiasm. There is still, however, a general dumbness in the Lower School, and the voice of the Committee comes largely from the Upper School, especially from members of the Sixth.

The first meeting was held on 25th July, when Baker was in the Chair. From the Athletic Sub-committee Report we learnt that an effort was being made to send an Athletics team to Lewes representing the School in the East Sussex School Sports.

There was only one suggestion and that was that there should be a Victor Ludorum on Sports Day. It was pointed out that the present House basis does not provide individual incentive and the suggestion was carried by 22 votes to 6.

It was then discussed how the £7 presented by the Governors should be spent. There were many and varied suggestions made including the purchase of a new flag and flag-pole, the painting of the Cricket Pavilion, the purchase of a Victor Ludorum cup, the renovation of the bicycle shed and the erection of a convenience at the Sports Field. Many of the suggestions were favoured by the Committee, but most votes were recorded in favour of a convenience at the Sports Field.

The second meeting and the last of the School Year was held

on July 25th when Baker again took the chair. After the Sub-committee reports there was a lively discussion criticising the Editors of the Magazine. Many of the Committee said that the Editors had tried to achieve too high an intellectual standard and this did not increase its popularity in the Lower School. The Chief Editor replying stated that he thought that not nearly enough time was given to thinking about articles and poems before putting pen to paper. He remarked that the times given in the Lower and Middle School for preparing articles, etc. were only intended for the very preliminaries, and he knew that really thoughtful articles, etc. could not be rushed through in half-an-hour. There should be more real enthusiasm from all parts of the school and not so much back-chat about Editors whose only job should be that of collecting, correcting and generally polishing up those few articles that really were worth putting into the Magazine.

Baker was a competent chairman throughout the session, and Jean Smith was elected to fill the post for the next year.

### FIRST XI CRICKET REPORT

This season has been one of the most successful on record for the 1st XI. Of thirteen matches played, four have been won and one lost. The glut of drawn matches has been due partly to the excellence of our own wicket and consequent high scoring, and sometimes to the fact that we lack a batsman who can really force the pace successfully, as against Hastings at home and against the Old Scholars.

Our two wins against Goudhurst were creditable performances. Although we routed our opponents from Kent at home, we experienced great difficulty in forcing a narrow three wicket win at Goudhurst. Another Kent team, Ashford Grammar School, was beaten comfortably at home, although the Ashford school is much bigger than our own. The high light of the season, however, was our ascendancy over Hastings. Time would have meant victory at Rye, while on the County Ground at Hastings we surpassed ourselves with a great ten wicket victory. Hastings have long been our "bogey" team at sport, and following the victory of the Football XI in the winter, this was a great "flip" for Rye, and in the future we can do battle with Hastings with much more confidence.

Simmons has been in top form this season, both with the bat and ball. His style with the bat has improved tremendously, as has his defence. Time and again he has saved the side. He has also borne the brunt of the bowling and has been consistently dangerous. It is to be hoped that he will soon gain the representative honours he deserves.

C. Godden has been disappointing this season. He attacks the bowling from his first ball, and runs flow from his bat in the most attractive manner, yet to be a greater asset to the team he must curb the tendency to attempt to force the good balls. He has proved a very adept wicket-keeper.



White and Larkin are a sound opening pair. White has an excellent defence and his stroke-play is nothing but orthodox. If he can be criticised it is for his inability to punish effectively the loose balls. Larkin also has a good defence and scores quite freely, although he should try to develop his driving. He has done very well considering his extreme youth.

Caister produces some fine off-shots, but he must learn to use his feet more both in attack and defence. Farrow has bowled very well, although he does not seem to utilise his powerful build to the full effect. Cooke can also shine when the occasion demands, and is a useful all-rounder.

Our ground-fielding has been quite smart on the whole, but throwing-in has often been poor. Many catches, sometimes vital, have been dropped, and this has proved very costly on occasions when good batsmen have been the lucky survivors.

Against Coopers School from London we were beaten, rather unluckily, perhaps, by a team weaker in all departments but fielding. It was noticeable that whereas we dropped one or two decisive chances, Coopers held their catches, and we paid the penalty.

No praise is too high for the work of Mr. Allnutt. He has the interests of the 1st XI at heart, both as a team and as individuals, and we are indebted to him for his hard work and unfailing encouragement.

A word of praise, too, to Mr. T. Luck for preparing such a beautiful wicket. All our visitors, at least the batsmen among them, acclaim its magnificence. Thanks are also due to Mr. Shearer for again presenting the School with marl for the pitch.

It was with regret that the annual match with the Parents could not be played, and it is to be hoped that next year Parents will make a greater effort to ensure this delightful fixture taking place.

#### Results of the 1st XI Matches.

20th May, *v.* Goudhurst School, at Rye.

R.G.S.: 105 for 4 declared (Caister 26, C. Godden 41, G. Simmons 25 not out). Goudhurst: 29 (Simmons 7 for 13). R.G.S. won by 76 runs.

29th May, *v.* Old Scholars, at Rye.

Old Scholars: 170 for 5 declared (Simmons 3 for 44). R.G.S.: 75 for 6 wickets (Larkin 42 not out). Drawn.

30th May, *v.* Eastbourne G.S., at Eastbourne.

R.G.S.: 114 (C. Godden 22, Simmons 23). Eastbourne: 70 for 9 wickets (Simmons 6 for 24). Match drawn.

3rd June, *v.* Bexhill County G.S., at Bexhill.

Bexhill: 112 (Farrow 4 for 30). R.G.S.: 62 for 4 (C. Godden 35). Match drawn.

7th June, *v.* Bexhill P.O., at Bexhill.

R.G.S.: 113 for 9 declared (G. Simmons 65 not out, Cooke 19, Simmons and Cooke shared in a stand of 64). Bexhill: 103 for 7 (Simmons 5 for 30). Match drawn.

10th June, *v.* Hastings G.S., at Rye.

Hastings: 111 for 9 declared (Simmons 6 for 41). R.G.S.: 97 for 6 wickets (Simmons 58 not out). Match drawn.

16th June, *v.* Bexhill P.O., at Rye.

Bexhill: 57 for 9 declared (Simmons 4 for 28, Farrow 3 for 23). R.G.S.: 11 for 0 wickets. Rain stopped play.

1st July, *v.* Ashford G.S., at Rye.

Ashford: 48 (Simmons 5 for 15, N. Godden 3 for 5). R.G.S.: 51 for 2 (C. Godden 25 not out, Larkin 15 not out). R.G.S. won by 8 wickets.

6th July, *v.* Hastings G.S., at Hastings.

Hastings: 43 (Simmons 7 for 15). R.G.S.: 98 (White 36, Larkin 42). White and Larkin shared in an opening stand of 72. R.G.S. won by 10 wickets.

8th July, *v.* Old Scholars, at Rye.

Old Scholars: 128 for 6 declared (Simmons 4 for 40). R.G.S.: 110 for 2 (White 37 not out, Simmons 61 not out). White and Simmons shared in an unbroken stand of 106. Match drawn.

12th July, *v.* Goudhurst School at Goudhurst.

Goudhurst: 81 (Simmons 5 for 32, N. Godden 3 for 19, Farrow 2 for 13). R.G.S.: 82 for 8 (Simmons 30). R.G.S. won by 3 wickets.

15th July, *v.* Bexhill G.S., at Rye.

R.G.S.: 110 for 9 declared (C. Godden 33, Batehup 14 not out, Cooke 13). Bexhill: 68 for 3. Match drawn.

19th July, *v.* Coopers Company School, at Rye.

Coopers: 77 (N. Godden 4 for 24, Simmons 3 for 22, Farrow 2 for 19). R.G.S.: 66 (C. Godden 14, N. Godden 12). Lost by 11 runs.

#### SECOND ELEVEN.

Rye 20; Goudhurst School 27 (G. Hickman 4 for 7). Lost by 7 runs.

Goudhurst School 107 (B. Morris 3 for 16, G. Hickman 3 for 29, Stapley 2 for 9); Rye 55 (Stapley 16, David 11 not out). Lost by 52 runs. (Away).

#### JUNIOR CRICKET

The Junior Cricket team have had a disappointing season, winning only one match and losing seven. They have been severely handicapped by their lack of size, but have shown great keenness. The batting has been weak, although Tidy, Stapley, Morris, Swan and Fuggle have done well on occasions. Stapley has been a great success as a bowler, taking 31 wickets for 125 runs, and should develop into a very useful cricketer. Morris has also bowled well, taking 21 wickets for 147, and has made an enthusiastic captain. Swan shows promise as a wicket-keeper.

TEAM: (from) B. Morris, G. Weeks, M. Tubbs, N. Hickman, A. Brett, I. Stapley, P. Fuggle, J. Tidy, Ford, Swan, P. Small, P. Allpress.



## Results.

Hastings G.S. 37 (Morris 3 for 10, Stapley 2 for 13); Rye 23 (Stapley 10). Lost by 13 runs. (Home).  
 Hastings G.S. 55 (Morris 6 for 26, Fuggle 2 for 5, Stapley 2 for 8); Rye 35 (Swan 15, Fuggle 9). Lost by 20 runs. (Away).  
 Rye M.S. 31 (Fuggle 7 for 16, Stapley 3 for 9); Rye G.S. 55 for 7 (Fuggle 20, Tidy 14 not). Won by 6 wickets. (Away).  
 Rye 26 (Stapley 7); Ashford G.S. 90 for 8 (Stapley 3 for 34, Morris 3 for 49). Lost by 8 wickets. (Away).  
 Rye M.S. 49 (Stapley 7 for 17, Fuggle 3 for 15); Rye G.S. 35 (Tidy 12). Lost by 14 runs. (Home).  
 Bexhill G.S. 82 for 8 (declared), (Stapley 4 for 19, Hickman 2 for 13); Rye 18 (Stapley 8, Swan 7) and 26 for 3 (Stapley 11 not). Lost by 64 runs. (Home).  
 Bexhill G.S. 103 for 9 (declared) (Stapley 3 for 9, Hickman 2 for 10, Morris 2 for 16); Rye 44 (Morris 12, Tubbs 9). Lost by 59 runs. (Away).  
 Coopers Company School 36 (Stapley 5 for 7, Morris 3 for 15); Rye 17. Lost by 19 runs. (Home).

## HOUSE MATCHES.

### Senior :—

Peacocke 9 (Farrow 5 for 0, including hat-trick, Simmons 5 for 6); Sanders 41 for 6 (White 13, N. Godden 10). Sanders won by 10 wickets.

Meryon 65 (Larkin 30, Shearer 10, Farrow 4 for 28, N. Godden 3 for 17, Simmons 2 for 6); Sanders 66 for 0 (C. Godden 37 not, White 26 not). Sanders won by 10 wickets.

Meryon 104 (Larkin 50, M. Tiltman 29, Caister 5 for 44, Cooke 5 for 52); Peacocke 35 (Caister 16, Pye 7 for 9, Freeland 3 for 20).

### Junior :—

Meryon 76 (Ford 22 not, S. Stapley 13, Brett 12, Tubbs 6 for 33); Sanders 35 (Tubbs 13, N. Hickman 5 for 12, Stapley 3 for 18). Meryon won by 41 runs.

Sanders 32 (Weeks 24, Tidy 6 for 22, Morris 4 for 10); Peacocke 33 for 2 (P. Small 17 not, Morris 10 not). Peacocke won by 8 wickets.

Meryon 60 (Bourne 17, N. Hickman 13, Tidy 5 for 27, Morris 5 for 28); Peacocke 61 for 4 (Morris 33 not). Peacocke won by 6 wickets.

## ATHLETICS

The Athletic Sports, held on Tuesday, May 23rd, produced a very close struggle between Sanders and Meryon, the results depending on the final event, the Senior Boys' Relay, which was won by Sanders, giving them a lead of 10½ points over Meryon. In the sprints competitors had to face a strong wind, but in other events some good times and distances were recorded, J. Farrow's throw of 91 ft. 6 ins. in the Cricket Ball

being an outstanding performance. The trophies were distributed by Councillor Mrs. M. I. Wethey, who was accompanied by her husband, Captain E. H. Wethey, who congratulated the competitors on their keenness.

## RESULTS OF EVENTS.

EVENT	WINNER	TIME OR DISTANCE
<b>SENIOR GIRLS</b>		
100 yards	M. Crowther (S)	12 4/5 secs. (equalled record).
220 yards	M. Crowther (S)	29 4/5 secs.
80 yards Hurdles	P. Brett (M)	13 2/5 secs.
High Jump	P. Brett (M)	4 ft. 4 ins.
Hop, Step and Jump	A. Lloyd (M)	31 ft. 6 ins.
Hockey Dribbling	C. Weeks (S)	
Rounders Ball	J. Traynor (S)	150 ft. 8 ins.
Relay (660 yards)	P. Crouch C. Weeks ..(S) M. Smith M. Crowther ..	1 min. 33 4/5 secs. (record)
<b>SENIOR BOYS</b>		
100 yards	G. Simmons (S)	12 secs.
220 yards	G. Simmons (S)	27 secs.
440 yards	G. Simmons (S)	59 4/5 secs.
880 yards	M. David (P)	2 mins. 23 3/5 secs.
110 yards Hurdles	J. Farrow (S)	17 1/5 secs.
High Jump	M. David (P)	4 fot. 11 ins.
Long Jump	M. Doust (S)	16 ft. 8½ ins.
Hop, Step and Jump	G. Simmons (S)	35 ft. 11½ ins.
Cricket Ball	J. Farrow (S)	91½ yds. (record)
Javelin	M. Stunt (P)	109 ft. (record)
Putting the Shot	D. Cooke (P)	43 ft. 10 ins. (record)
Relay (880 yards)	D. Tickner D. White ..(S) G. Simmons M. Doust ..	1 min. 54 4/5 secs.
<b>MIDDLE GIRLS</b>		
100 yards	A. Lloyd (M)	13 2/5 secs.
22 yards	P. Crouch (S)	32 4/5 secs.
80 yards Hurdles	A. Lloyd (M)	13 3/5 secs.
High Jump	E. Diaper (M)	4 ft. 2 ins.
Hop, Step and Jump	H. Webb (M)	29 ft. 10 ins.
Hockey Dribbling	C. Hartill (P)	
Rounders Ball	P. Crouch (S)	161 ft. 7 ins.
Relay (440 yards)	E. Diaper M. Wise ..(M) H. Webb A. Lloyd ..	1 min. 1 4/5 secs.
<b>MIDDLE BOYS</b>		
100 yards	J. Larkin (M)	
220 yards	J. Larkin (M)	28 secs.
880 yards	D. Caister (P)	2 mins. 43 1/5 secs.
110 yards Hurdles	D. Jackson (M)	19 secs.



High Jump	R. Curtis (M)	4 ft. 8 ins.
Long Jump	J. Larkin (M)	17 ft. 2 ins.
Hop, Step and Jump	J. Larkin (M)	34 ft. 4½ ins.
Cricket Ball	P. Gladman (P)	68 ½ yds.
Relay (660 yards)		
K. Cornwall	D. Jackson ..(M)	1 min 27 3/5 secs.
R. Bourne	J. Larkin ..	(record)
	JUNIOR GIRLS	
100 yards	A. Griffin (P)	14 secs.
80 yards Skipping	A. Griffin (P)	12 secs.
High Jump	A. Griffin and J. Rainton (P)	3 ft. 10 ins.
Standing Broad Jump	S. Bourn (S)	6 ft. 10½ ins.
Rounders Ball	D. Smith (M)	138 ft. 2 ins.
Relay (440 yards)		
J. Ashenden	M. Jempson ..(P)	1 min. 6 secs.
J. Rainton	A. Griffin ..	
	JUNIOR BOYS	
100 yards	P. Small (P)	14 1/5 secs.
220 yards	P. Small (P)	33 1/5 secs.
880 yards	J. Tidy (P)	2 mins, 51 2/5 secs.
High Jump	J. Tidy (P)	3 ft. 10 ins.
Long Jump	J. Tidy (P)	13 ft. 6 ins.
Cricket Ball	I. Stapley (M)	64 yards (record)
Relay (440 yards)		
P. Small	B. Wise ..(P)	1 min. 4 secs.
J. Tidy	P. Allpress ..	
	S.	M.
Standard Points	169½	171½
Competition Points	333½	321
		P.
		139½
		301½
Final Result	(1st) 503	(2nd) 492½
		(3rd) 441

On June 9th we entered a team in the first Athletic Championships of the East Sussex Schools' Athletic Association held at Lewes. The following were placed in the first four in their events :—

Girls under 15 years.

M. Wise. 2nd in 100 yards.

P. Greenhalgh. 3rd in 75 yards Hurdles.

E. Diaper. 4th in 75 yards Hurdles.

Relay Team—(E. Diaper, H. Webb, P. Crouch, M. Wise). 3rd.

Girls 15-17 years.

M. Crowther. 1st in 150 yards. Time 18.4 secs.

C. Weeks. 4th in 150 yards.

A. Lloyd. 1st in 80 yards Hurdles. Time 15 secs.

D. Baker. 3rd in 80 yards Hurdles.

Relay Team—(P. Brett, A. Lloyd, D. Baker, M. Crowther). 2nd.

Boys 15-17 years.

J. Larkin. 2nd in Long Jump. 17-ft. 6½ ins.

M. Stunt. 2nd in Javelin.

Boys 17-19 years.

G. Simmons ..1st in 100 yards. Time 10.6 secs.

..1st in 220 yards. Time 24.7 secs.

J. Farrow ..1st in 120 yards Hurdles. Time 18.6 secs.

..4th in High Jump.

G. Hickman ..2nd in 120 yards Hurdles.

..3rd in High Jump.

D. Cooke. 2nd in Putting the Shot.

Relay Team—(G. Simmons, J. Farrow, D. White, K. Thompson) 3rd.

M. Crowther and G. Simmons deserve special congratulations on the fast times recorded in their sprints.

In the Schools' County Finals at Hove, Simmons was third in both the 100 yards and 220 yards, and A. Lloyd third in the Hurdles.

## TENNIS REPORT

The first Tennis VI has had a very poor season. From the outset we have been deprived, through illness, of our Captain, June Terry, which left only one player from last year as a foundation for the new team. This shaky and inexperienced team had its confidence further undermined by a heavy defeat in its first match against Ashford County School.

We played seven matches this season, all of which we lost, although the results of several of the latter matches were very close. It was very unfortunate that we were unable to obtain tickets for Wimbledon this year and so were unable to benefit by watching first class Tennis.

After the first match or two there was a marked improvement in the standard of play. However, failure to anticipate the pitch of the ball and slow footwork spoilt the good driving of most players. Service, which at the beginning had been very weak and erratic, improved and became more accurate although in most cases it remained unorthodox, and with the improvement in service, play at the net became more forceful.

The young players who are left from this year should benefit from their experience and make a confident nucleus for next year's team.

The team has been chosen from the following: Sylvia Payne, Anne Lloyd, Kathleen Mitchell, Jean Smith, Pat Crouch, Dawn Baker, Helen Gill and Christine Weeks.

The Junior Team, although losing its two matches, has shown promise and has gained valuable experience for the future. It has been: Margery Wise, Jane Clark, Eunice Diaper, Elizabeth Dobbie, Julia Mercer and Coral Hartill.

Senior Matches played against :—

Ashford County School. Lost 15-166.

Hastings High School. Lost 36-63.

Recent Old Scholars. Lost 44-49.



Bexhill County School.	Lost 10-89.
Old Scholars	Lost 32-67.
Hastings High School.	Lost 36-45.
Recent Old Scholars.	Lost 37-44.

Junior Matches played against :—

Ashford County School.	Lost 12-51.
Hastings High School.	Lost 34-47.

Tennis Colours have been awarded to Helen Gill.

This is the last term that Mrs. Elliott will be in charge of the Tennis, and on behalf of the team I should like to thank her for all the work she has put into coaching and arranging matches for us.

I should also like to thank the willing umpires who have come along to score at our matches.—H.G.

### SWIMMING CLUB 1950

As usual the Swimming Club re-assembled at the beginning of the term with many new members who could not swim ; all of whom can now swim at least one width. Swimming Captains were elected, two captains, one boy, one girl, from each House respectively :—Meryon House—M. Tiltman, B. Griffin ; Sanders House—M. Doust, D. Saunders ; Peacocke House—R. Dent, M. Payne. At a meeting of this committee it was proposed that senior members of the Club should endeavour to obtain their Bronze Medallion in Life Saving, but owing to lack of time for practice the examination was postponed until next season. However valuable time was not wasted and many members have conquered the art of diving.

The time soon drew near for the annual Swimming Sports and the Committee gathered together to decide what events should take place. A very full programme was drawn up, but as the time allotted for the sports was cut, the programme had to be condensed considerably, many popular events being excluded. The Sports were held on Friday, July 21st, and the whole School attended. Peacocke House was leading by 30 points in standards with Meryon House second and Sanders House third. These positions were maintained during the Sports and for the first time in two or three years Peacocke carried away the shield. It was presented by Mrs. Elliott who had been specially requested to present it as it was her last year as games mistress. We should all like to express our thanks to those who gave us instruction in swimming especially to Mrs. Elliott to whom we wish the best of luck in the future.—A.A.C.

### ROUNDERS

This term the under 15 Rounders team have played five matches. At the beginning of the season our play was rather poor and owing to our bad fielding we lost very heavily against the Modern School. But as the season progressed we got on much better as we had gained a little more experience and our

fielding improved greatly. Throughout the season, however, our batting has been a weak spot. The team has been chosen from :—E. Jempson, P. Greenhalgh, J. Clark, J. Brown, J. Duly, H. Webb, E. Dobbie, E. Diaper, C. Allen, J. Mercer, A. Doust, C. Hartill and M. Wise.

Matches :	v. Rye Modern School.	(Away).	Lost 1½-15½.
	v. Rye Modern School.	(Home).	Lost 7-12.
	v. Hastings High School	(Home).	Won 7-5.
	v. Hastings High School	(Away).	Lost 4-4½.
	v. Bexhill G.S.	(Away).	Drew 1-1.

This term there has also been an under 14 team, and they have played three matches. Their team has been picked from : J. Mercer (Capt.), C. Hartill, A. Doust, P. Luxford, J. Ashenden, C. Polly, J. Payne, J. Bourn, J. Houchin and D. Smith.

Matches :	v. Rye Modern School.	(Home).	Lost 5½-8.
	v. Rye Modern School.	(Away).	Lost 5½-8.
	v. Hastings High School	(Away).	Won 5½-4.

### GUIDE REPORT

This year we have had a very busy time, several 2nd Class and proficiency badges have been obtained, and we now have two 1st Class Guides, something we have not had for a long time ; we hope that the rest of the Company will follow the example of these two.

The Guide Party was held in January and all the young guests seemed to enjoy themselves. The plays were a great success, but tea was again the most popular item. We have had three field days during the year and several people have passed their 1st class Hike.

The Camp this year is being held at Wisborough Green, near Arundel, and we are hoping for as good weather as we had during last year's camp.

We attended the Armistice Service at the Parish Church and took part in the Parade afterwards. A service was also held at Iden Church on Guide Sunday to commemorate the 13th World Conference at Oxford and the anniversary of Guiding. A ceremony took place on the School field in June when the Scroll was handed to a Rye Guide by a Beckley Guide. The Scroll is going from England to Pakistan.

A district competition was held in July and the tests were on Tenderfoot and 2nd Class work. Beckley came 1st but as they are not in the district, the 2nd Rye were first, and the 4th Rye were second in our district ; thus both cup and shield were carried off by R.G.S. Guides.

We are very sorry to lose Mrs. Elliott this term. The Guide Companies have flourished under her and she has been a very keen and helpful Captain to us. We should like to say " Thank you " to her, and wish her the very best of luck in the future.



### A.T.C. REPORT

During the previous year the A.T.C. has carried on its work of preparing boys for the Services. In the course of the summer holidays a week was spent at H.M.S. "Daedalus," a Fleet Air Arm Station near Portsmouth. Several interesting visits were arranged to Naval Stations, including the Gunners School and a Submarine Base. The only disappointment was the lack of flying, but this was compensated by a visit to Portsmouth Dockyard to see Nelson's "Victory."

Six cadets have gained proficiency certificates during the year and several more have gone in for it this term. A few Cadets have also passed out in Basic Training. The flight represented 304 Squadron in the Wing Sports at Brighton and did so well that they won the Curtis-Wilson Cup by 13 points from Lancing College. Larkin and Peacocke won the 220 yards and 100 yards respectively and the Juniors won their relay.

The Flight has spent several enjoyable field days at West Mallory receiving instruction on Radar and meteorology and also several hours flying in Ansons.

Law, Lewis and Tickner have left during the year and have been replaced as N.C.Os by Shearer, Doust and Caister. Thanks are due to Mr. Robinson and Mr. Elliott for their invaluable instruction and it is to be hoped that the Flight will have the benefit of their instruction for many years to come. Congratulations to P/O Mitchell for his promotion to Flying Officer. He has steered the Flight the past year with motherly affection and has put it into the exalted position it now holds.

A social was held at the end of the Christmas term and was a great success. This summer the Flight are going to Stradish Hall for a week, and a good time is looked forward to by all.

GREMLIN.

### OPEN DAY 1950

The salient themes of this year's Open Day were the parallel positions of integrity occupied by the Grammar School in contemporary society and by the Christian Church in Africa. The introduction of the staff to parents, and a talk of unusual interest by Canon G. Harward, on "A West African Grammar School," provided the basis for this sustained parallelism. Films and film-strips threw additional light upon the problems and customs peculiar to African life, already so ably represented by L.S.I.'s exhibition on Christianity in Africa.

Various facets of Grammar School organisation and interests were demonstrated during the afternoon. On the open-air stage a well varied and cultured entertainment was superimposed upon the flimsiest connecting fabric. This was "Mosaic." There were P.T. displays and demonstrations in the school field by Scouts and Guides. Perhaps the focal point of the thematic treatment was provided by Dr. Edwards' talk

on the use of films in the teaching of History which he illustrated by showing an architectural film on the Mediaeval Castle, and three short lectures by Miss Fairbanks, Miss Dann and Mr. Allnutt on the importance of their own subjects in the school curriculum.

### THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GARDEN FETE AND CONCERT

On Saturday, July 15th, the Parents' Association organised a Garden Fête and Concert to augment the funds of the Association. In spite of the rather rough weather the Fête was opened promptly at 3 p.m. by Miss M. F. Warren and a large crowd proceeded to pour money into the various side-shows and to buy innumerable raffle-tickets for equally innumerable raffles. One sideshow in particular, a miniature Greyhound track, drew quite a large crowd, the majority of whom certainly put their money on the wrong dogs. Another very interesting sideshow was the balloon race. Would-be entrants paid their money and were given a ticket with their name on it together with the address of the school. These tickets were tied on balloons inflated with hydrogen and were then launched from anywhere outside the school. The winner was the person whose ticket was returned to the school from the farthest point in the country before July 21st. Several balloons unfortunately came into contact with the large tree overhanging the Dining Hall and consequently did not win the prize! The high light of the afternoon was a burlesque carnival piece produced by the Scouts in which the "Mayor of Winchelsea Station" (David) crowned the Carnival Queen (D. Jackson).

After tea the Concert in the Hall commenced with three songs sung by the Junior Choir conducted by Miss Merry with B. Y. Baker at the piano. The songs were "You Spotted Snakes" by Armstrong Gibbs, "The Pedlar of Dreams" by W. G. Alcock, and "A Shepherd Kept Sheep" by Eric H. Thiman. Then came two one-act plays. The first, "The Man in the Bowler Hat" by A. A. Milne kept the audience in suspense until the very end where the twist they had been expecting became a veritable wrench and the curtain descended to rather a bewildered round of applause. The second, a midnight adventure by Ian Hay entitled "Burglar Alarm," produced some very good acting, and not a little excitement among the audience. Both of these plays were acted by members of the Dramatic Society. In the interval between them M. David gave two of his monologues, "Albert and the 'eadsman'" and "Noah and the Ark."

Mrs. Vera Larkin and John, her son, sang two well-contrasted duets, "Barcarolle" from Offenbach's "Tales of Hoffman," and "There are Dreams in your Eyes." The concert ended with a very effective and uproarious comedy, "The Dear Departed" by Stanley Houghton admirably staged by



members of the Rye Players. Among the stage "props" was at least one article well-known to members of the school, e.g., the Library Clock, which looked rather out-of-the-place in the supposed "Middle-Class Home of 1908."

Despite the rough weather, attendance was good and the Fête and Concert realised over £70.

### SCHOOL DEBATE

The motion before the House in the Senior Debate was That force is not the correct way to check Communism. The Chairman opened the debate, and reminding the House that it was a subject peculiarly appropriate to this time, expressed a hope that the personal and wider issues raised in our minds by the situation in Korea, would result in a lively debate. He further reminded the House that it should observe the fundamental courtesies of debate, and called on Morris to propose the motion. Morris considered as a speaker presents rather a problem. He writes a capable speech and spoils it by reading from a script. His summing-up, aided only by brief notes, proved his ability to deliver a logical speech without reading it. Morris argued that force should be used only to suppress aggression, and not to combat ideals. "To combat ideals," he said, "we need a new philosophy." Saville, for the opposition, said that apathy was impotent against Communism, and every moral, economic, and physical force should be brought to bear on it. Grace Care seconded the motion and Baker seconded for the opposition.

When the motion was put before the House, speeches were very few and far between, and if the Upper School as a whole is to have a really good debate it will certainly have to rouse itself. The usual speakers gave their opinions, but there seemed no sense of continuity to the debate at all. Or perhaps it was that 95% of the House was just not interested! The Headmaster expressed some regret that the debate had not been more successful and was able to clarify some issues and make several good points in the course of his speech.

The motion was defeated by 67-7, with several abstentions.

### EDUCATIONAL VISITS 1950

#### Upper School Visit to London.

Those members of the Upper School who went to London for their Educational Visit left Rye by coach at eight o'clock. The morning was misty and for part of the journey we were unable to follow all Mr. Robinson's geographical directions.

When we arrived in London we met our parliamentary member at eleven o'clock and he showed us over the Houses of Parliament. After a very interesting tour of the whole building we made our way to Westminster Abbey. Those of us who

went into the Chapel of Henry VII saw the beautiful Battle of Britain window. The roof of the chapel was elaborate fan-vaulting. We left the Abbey and went into St. James' Park.

We separated into three groups for the afternoon. One group went to Kensington Science Museum, another to Kew Gardens, and the third group to the Tower of London. Just inside the main entrance of the Tower stood a Beefeater talking to a large crowd. He, unlike many guides, talked audibly and as though he really enjoyed relating the history of the Tower. We joined the crowd and followed the guide to the White Tower or Keep which is the oldest part of the Tower of London. The Keep is also the oldest museum in England and has a wonderful collection of armoury. By now the sun had come out and it was quite hot. The guide then took us to the cool chapel of St. Peter and Vincula. While we rested he told us of all the people who are buried in the chapel. The guide then left us and we went to the Bloody Tower with its morbid associations and the adjoining Wakefield Tower where the Crown Jewels are kept.

By this time we had to return to the coach and reluctantly we left the Tower of London—after a very enjoyable and educational visit.

#### Upper School Visit to Richborough.

The party visiting Richborough left Rye by coach at 9 o'clock taking a route via Ashford and Canterbury. We were all given maps showing our route and notes on the geological formation of the country we should be passing through. We stopped at Canterbury for a short break and saw a little of the city and Cathedral. We then turned towards the East coast bypassing Sandwich to reach Richborough at about midday. Richborough Castle proved to be a fine example of Roman camp layout although little remains besides the foundations and some of the walls. An ornamental fountain, remarkably well preserved, aroused some interest. A notable feature was the remains of a great monument obviously of considerable height since the foundations went to a depth of about 32 feet. Excavations enabled us to go beneath the plinth and examine this colossal structure. We also examined the site of two Roman temples and other buildings and visited the fine museum of Roman objects found at Richborough. After a tour of the ruins we went on to Sandwich and then to Folkestone, passing through Deal and Dover. After amusing ourselves here for an hour we resisted the temptation of a boat trip on the bay and returned dutifully to the coach and made our way back to Rye through Tenterden, arriving at 7.30. In spite of the gloomy reminder from one of our party that "we are not here for pleasure," most of us had a very interesting and enjoyable day.



### Visit to Lewes.

This term forms M.S. 3 and M.S. 4, with several members of the Upper School, went on a geographical tour of the land between Rye and Lewes.

After crossing the low plateau between Winchelsea and Bexhill we came to Pevensey Marsh which is almost identical with Romney Marsh. We passed through Eastbourne and then began the long climb up to the top of Beachy Head, but here we were disappointed because the mist was so thick that it was impossible to see more than 30 yards ahead and so we did not stop. We did stop further on however at Birling Gap which Mr. Robinson pointed out to us was a dry valley. We continued our travels through Seaford and Newhaven, and then up to Lewes. Once outside Lewes again we had our dinner before going on top of the Downs at Firle Beacon. This, as Mr. Robinson pointed out, was one of the highest points on the Downs and on top was a trigonometrical point. From here we had a fine view of Lewes which was built in a gap of the Ouse valley. We followed a ridge of the Downs on foot for some four miles until we reached Alfriston. Here we met the 'bus and after waiting almost half-an-hour for Miss Dann and Mr. Robinson to arrive we proceeded on our homeward way.

### School Visit of M.S. I and M.S. II.

Thursday, 20th July, was the date fixed for educational visits which were to coincide with our work in Regional Survey.

We started by visiting the Spun Concrete Works on the Rye Harbour road which is the largest industry in Rye. This was not directly concerned with our Survey, but with our study of calcium in General Science class.

From there we went to Rye Harbour to study the plant life and the Martello Tower.

Our next visit was to Icklesham Parish Church to study architecture in which Norman and Early English periods were prominent. The inside of the windmill nearby proved interesting and we stayed there for lunch.

In the afternoon we went to Battle Abbey where a guide showed us the points. This concluded a pleasant day.

### Lower School Visit to Battle and Bodiam.

Form L.S. 2 visited Bodiam Castle and Battle Abbey. We left Rye at 9.15 and followed the Maidstone and District route as far as Baldsloe where we turned down Hebdens Hill to Sedlescombe. After this we went to Bodiam through Staple Cross arriving at 10.15. We were told the history of the castle and then explored it before having our dinner. After this we played rounders for a while before continuing on our way to Battle. Here we were joined by M.S. 1 and 2 and we entered the Abbey by the main gateway. A guide told us the history

of the Abbey and showed us the Monks' Dormitory and other places of interest.

We left Battle about 3 p.m. and arrived in Rye before 4 p.m.

### Lower School Visit to Canterbury.

On Thursday, 20th July, for our Educational Visit, Lower School I went to Canterbury. Directly we arrived we went to the West Gate Museum. Among numerous other relics we saw an eighteenth century fire engine and a Bone Shaker. Then we went up into the Tower and saw a wonderful view of Canterbury with the Cathedral towering above the housetops.

We then went on to the Cathedral and were shown around by the Chaplain. We saw the tomb of the Black Prince, St. Augustine's Chair and the spot where Thomas a' Beckett was murdered. From there we went to West Gate Gardens to have our lunch. After lunch we went to St. Augustine's Abbey which he built in 598 A.D. This abbey is sometimes called the cradle of Christianity. Lastly we went to the Norman Castle, which is just a ruin, and then we caught the train home.

### END OF TERM SOCIAL

The Social although scheduled to start at 6.30, got underway at about 7 o'clock. Keith Thompson and Norman Godden were the combined masters of ceremonies, and introduced each item in "Pantomime" fashion with a short rhyme. Games and dances followed in rapid succession. But the Party did not wake up until the refreshments were announced. This is, of course, quite usual!

After the interval the first 'high light' of the evening occurred, bringing with it the true party spirit. The curtains parted to reveal five Sixth formers, four resplendent in First Eleven Cricket caps and blazers. The fifth's identity was not disclosed during the proceedings, but although muffled in a tight cap and a tight fitting mac., was seen to produce the piano key from somewhere in the interior.

Previous to this the 'Can Can' had been performed by a choice selection of the community who were coerced during the musical parcel.

As the staff did not turn up in force to appear in the Sketch, several members of the Sixth had to deputise for them. This was a charade in three scenes which was received with much enthusiasm and pleasure.

Godden made a farewell speech, and Baker replied on behalf of the leaders.

Afterwards a few tears were shed, the last waltz waltzed, and "Auld Lang Syne" closed the proceedings.

A. NON.



## ESCAPE TO SOLITUDE

Into the dark and shadowy night he fled,  
Hastening, quickening every step,  
Now glancing o'er his shoulder, lest in good time  
He should be overtaken and, prevented  
In peace and quietude his future days from spending.  
He might have noise and every other evil  
To be his until the end.

So onward now into the void unknown.  
"Leave all! Press on!"

A voice comes roaring, confused into an awful  
thunder . . .

There is a hurrying over the great wide plain.  
Into the pitch-black night he flies,  
There will he remain.

SHIRLEY STEVENS, M.S. 4.

## DUSK

'Tis late when evening shadows ere grow long,  
And o'er the western hills the sun does fall.  
Our feathered friends have long since ceased their song,  
Save pigeons in the tree-tops softly call.  
Homeward the ploughman treads his furrowed way;  
The shepherd trusts his flock to God's good care;  
And so once more fades out another day  
While tranquil peace fulfills the summer air.  
Then o'er the peaceful scene the shadows steal.  
I find myself alone my thoughts to bear.  
Again I hear the church bells faintly peal  
Across the vales, and echo far and near.  
This land of ours, which God alone has blessed  
Is silent now in slumber and in rest.

D. CAISTER (M.S. 4).

## AUTUMN

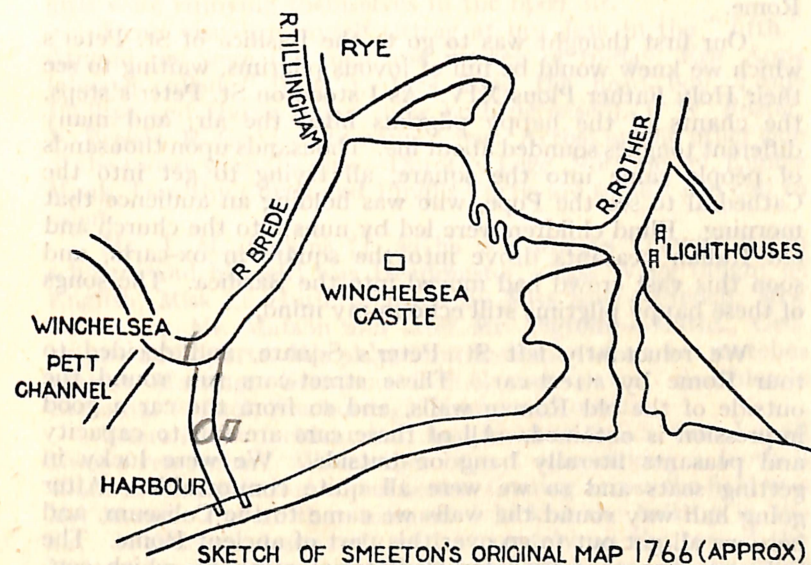
Leaves are falling to the ground  
As the wind with boisterous sound  
Coldly blows in from the sea,  
Making every bush and tree  
Shed its leaves of red and brown;  
And to the earth they flutter down  
Till on the ground they form a layer,  
While up above the trees stand bare.  
The sun is weak, the air is chill,  
And heavy rains the rivers fill.

J. MASON, M.S. 2.

## A VISIT TO THE OLD HARBOUR

On Wednesday, July 19th, a small section of the School cycled to Winchelsea Beach to see the remains of the old harbour which have been revealed by the excavations made during the building of the new sea wall.

In 1768 the Town Council decided to build a new harbour and they consulted John Smeaton, the designer of Eddystone Lighthouse, and he prepared the plans. By 1769 the construction of the harbour had begun. On the west bank a wooden groyne was built out to sea. All the wood was jointed and dowelled and no nails were used. The beach was piling up and running over this groyne into the harbour by 1774, and so the original Rye Harbour was re-opened.



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The Harbour Commission decided in 1777 to build an eastern groyne as well. This was constructed of stone blocks which were dovetailed together, and then lead was run in to keep them from moving. The new harbour was only open for four months, and in November, 1787, all work on it was suspended and the original harbour was again re-opened.

Both the wood and the stone groynes have been uncovered and the stonework is to be reconstructed behind the new sea wall.

W. H. GOODWIN.



## A VISIT TO ROME IN HOLY YEAR

My first impression of Rome was of a large modern city standing in very flat country, known as the Pontine Marshes, which in days gone by were swarming with mosquitoes, but are now beautifully fertile land. I first saw this "Eternal City" from about twenty miles away, and from this distance, St. Peter's towering dome was the first thing to meet the eye.

Soon, as we entered the city, we saw the many large buildings such as the "Toro Dell Urbe" and the mighty pillars of the Forum. Rome to me meant a large city full of Roman remains, but I was very much surprised to find wonderful modern streets with tall palm trees and fragrant flowers on the pavements. When we arrived at our hotel we all knew that we had three whole days in which to see all the wonders of Rome.

Our first thought was to go to the Basilica of St. Peter's which we knew would be full of joyous pilgrims, waiting to see their Holy Father Pious XIV. As I stood on St. Peter's steps, the chants of the happy pilgrims filled the air, and many different tongues sounded about me. Thousands upon thousands of people came into the square, all trying to get into the Cathedral to see the Pope, who was holding an audience that morning. Blind children were led by nuns into the church and old Italian peasants drove into the square in ox-carts, and soon this vast crowd had moved into the Basilica. The songs of these happy pilgrims still echo in my mind.

We reluctantly left St. Peter's Square, and decided to tour Rome by street-car. These street-cars run round the outside of the old Roman walls, and so from the car a good impression is obtained. All of these cars are full to capacity and peasants literally hang on outside. We were lucky in getting seats and so we were all quite comfortable. After going half-way round the walls we came to the Coliseum, and here we all got out to go over this part of ancient Rome. The Coliseum was once used for gladiatorial combats, which continued for one hundred days, in which five thousand animals were killed. Christians were killed and eaten by wild animals there, but in A.D. 403 the gladiatorial combats were stopped.

Just to the North of the Coliseum is perhaps the most ancient part of Rome—the Forum. To-day there are only a few stones and columns remaining, but the spirit of Rome remains. Lastly we went by coach to the Catacombs, which lie to the east of Rome. The Christians used them as their burial-places, and the narrow tunnels run for eight hundred miles underground.

Our stay in Rome ended too quickly, but I, being the youngest in our party, vowed that I would come back to Rome.

## LOOKING BACK

"Forty years on"—we used to sing it with gusto at R.G.S.; now thirty of these forty years have passed and I look back to the days when I occupied a desk in one of those classrooms. As I reflect I realize they were happy days and to-day's scholars will do the same.

The School was not divided into "Houses" as it is now and "the fifth" was the top form. We had no bio-lab. nor hall with stage as at present. Swimming, Societies, Educational Visits and the School Magazine did not form part of our school life, but we had our various sporting activities and P.T. The only lesson I used to really detest was Trigonometry which the "fifth" boys studied during the time that the girls were at Hockey. I could never make anything of it. It seemed to be a subject added to the curriculum to keep us quiet while the girls were enjoying themselves in the open air.

I can visualize myself sitting at my desk in the "fifth." Around me were the men and women of to-day, Eric Apps (always called "Judy"), Jack Reid the head boy, Leslie Phillips and Harry Baker (now both deceased), J. W. Foster, V. Breeds, R. Goodsell to name a few. Across on the other side of the rooms were the girls—Dorothy Legg, Nora Beney, Eunice Monk, Dorothy Curtis and Phyllis Curtis are some I can call to mind.

Mr. J. M. Jenkins (J. as he was always known by the scholars and himself) was Headmaster. Miss Wagg taught us English, Miss Le Hurie followed by Miss Seed—French, Mrs. Carr—Art, Mr. Matson and later Mr. Pigrome—Maths., Geography and Sports. We played our football and cricket matches against Hastings Grammar School 2nd eleven, Southlands Grammar School, Scarborough House and others.

There is one incident that happened at R.G.S. that I shall always remember. With other boys I was kicking a football about in the field after school hours. Coming across the field was Mr. Matson and at that moment I kicked the ball up in the air. It descended squarely and accurately on the top of the Master's head. I was profuse in my apologies, at the same time wishing the ground would swallow me up. The other boys were stifling their mirth as best they could. I wondered what was coming. Mr. Matson looked at me and said calmly, "Southerden, you couldn't do that again if you tried."

D. G. SOUTHERDEN.

## EXTRACTS FROM O.S. LETTERS.

A. J. Smith writes:—

"We left Liverpool as long ago as the 24th May. We set sail shortly before 6 p.m. and were sailing past the coast of Wales when the day came to a close. This was the last we were to see of Britain for some time, and some of the 'Regulars' are out here for 2½ years, so I shall return long before they do.



The next land that we sighted was Cape Finisterre, and this was passed on Friday, 26th, about tea-time. The crossing of 'The Bay' had been uneventful and the sea had been unruffled all the way.

We spent the first day or two getting used to being able to buy whatever we wanted in the way of sweets and other rationed foods and goods. Cigarettes were issued to us at 3/4 per 100 and this overwhelmed those on board who were smokers, so that for the next few days they took to chain-smoking. Previous to the issue everyone had been trying to borrow cigarettes from their friends, but after this issue they could not *give* cigarettes away.

On the Saturday we passed Lisbon early in the morning and outside the port were fishing vessels and other ships going in and out of the harbour. We steamed down the Portuguese coast and round Capt St. Vincent at tea-time, and turned into the Straits of Gibraltar, passing Gibraltar about 3 a.m. on Whit Sunday.

By Monday morning we were passing the Algerian coast, and on Tuesday we passed Tunisia and sighted Pantelaria at noon. Malta followed at tea-time and the white cliffs of Malta reminded me of those of Dover. This was again our last sight of land until Friday morning when the Egyptian coast appeared.

We steamed into Port Said about 9.30 and were immediately surrounded by Egyptian natives in rowing boats trying to sell all manner of goods. Trading with them was, however, forbidden.

Those who were leaving the boat and not going on to Singapore disembarked at 1 o'clock, and we were then loaded into a troop train which was in a siding. The carriages were 3rd class and so were equivalent to our cattle-trucks. They were provided with wooden seats which did not improve in hardness after three hours on the train, during which we covered about 60 miles. We were unloaded at Ismailia which is the H.Q. of the M.E.A.F. I stayed at Ismailia for about 10 days, during which I ventured out into the streets surrounding the town and also into the park. The roads are in very poor condition, and it is uncomfortable even on the padded seats which they have in the lorries in which they transport you. The rule of the road is opposite to that in England, and this takes some getting used to at first, and you are liable to get knocked down.

I played cricket once whilst I was at Ismailia (pronounced Ish-mal-eeya), but it is very tiring running around on the hot sand in the hot sun. The actual wicket is covered with cocoanut matting, but the rest is just loose sand.

As a point of interest, the scheduled sunshine for the longest day was 14 hours 5 mins., and it is 14 hours for some time. The temperature is only reaching about 95 degrees F. at its maximum, which is cool for these parts. The average is 105 degrees—110 degrees F. for June.

I arrived at Shallufa on 13th June and started work at the Met. Office here soon after. We are about 9 miles N. of Suez here and I have been into Suez once, but will tell you about that in another letter. When I have been here longer I hope to be able to tell you more about the natives and their ways.

The camp has an airfield attached and it is here that Lincolns on exercise 'Sunray' come. They come out here to practice under tropical conditions for a month and then return to England. They bring two A.T.C. chaps with them, and I don't know whether you saw an article about it in the Picture Post a month or two ago.

There is a swimming pool here and a church built of stone, which is unusual, and there are plenty of sports and activities such as a Music Circle."

P. Gutsell writes:—

"Hamburg is a city of contrasts; the 'West End' of Hamburg compares favourably with the shopping centres of English cities such as Liverpool and Manchester, but when you get away from the superficial prosperity, much poverty and hardship can be encountered. A great amount of war damage can still be seen, especially around the huge expanse of docks, testifying to the efficiency of our bombers. Luxurious American type cars are to be seen but on the other side of the picture are the trams—obsolete, uncomfortable but normally overcrowded with Germans of all types. We have read in our English newspapers about the German shops being full of goods which we in England have not seen for years; these papers do not compare the price of some goods with the wages of the ordinary German labourer.

The language used in Hamburg is of course German but, as in England there are many versions of the one main language, i.e., 'Platt-Deutsch,' spoken in North Germany, etc. When German, as spoken by the inhabitants, is heard for the first time, naturally it is very hard to follow and it is not until one becomes accustomed to hearing it that it becomes possible to understand even isolated words. One of the first phrases which the Occupation Forces 'pick up' is 'Nicht verstehen sie' (I don't understand you) and when speaking to a German at first, this phrase can work overtime. Other words and phrases can be learnt piecemeal, but unless you know English grammar (and a little Latin grammar helps as well) it is very, very hard to learn correct German. However, for the English speaking visitor or resident it is very surprising to find the number of Germans who speak a little English at least. Perhaps this is because most Germans learn English to a greater or lesser extent, while at school; indeed, English in a German school occupies the same proportion of the syllabus as French does in English schools.

Incidentally, one of the most amusing experiences I have had while in Germany was when I went to catch a bus to a suburb of Hamburg, after I had been out here only a few



weeks. My German clerk had previously told me what to say to the conductor and all the way to the bus-stop I rehearsed it 'Gehen sie nach Lurup?' (Do you go to Lurup?) I hesitantly said this to the conductor, but to my surprise and chargin he said in perfect English 'Yes, we go to Lurup and it is the first stop that you want.' Needless to say I have been very careful since then when speaking my few words of German to ensure that the person to whom I am speaking can only speak German. A very amusing and at times noisy failing which the Germans have is of several people talking and gesticulating at once which seems even funnier if one cannot understand a word of what they are saying."

R. B. Wigg writes:—

"I can still remember the first solo, and my instructor saying to me quite suddenly one morning, 'All right! You're ready. Take her away and don't break anything!' I succeeded in getting off all right, and managed to fake a landing on the seventh bounce and that evening sent a telegram home. 'Have been solo! Uncross fingers!'

From that day our training was speeded up and we graduated from Tiger Moths to Harvards, learning how to fly in formation, how to shoot down the other fellow, and knock out a tank with bombs and rockets, and, finally, the technique for landing on the pitching deck of an aircraft carrier. At last we were deemed fledged and were privileged to wear the golden wings of the Royal Naval Air Service.

### OLD SCHOLARS

Brian Dawson and Leonard Allen sent a post card from Germany where they spent a cycling holiday after their successful first Medical year. Dawson spent the rest of the vacation working in a London hospital. Congratulations to Geraldine Hall and John Pulford on their 'seconds' at Oxford, the former in English and the latter in his old Ixworth Court love—history. Geraldine is to join a teaching Order. Pamela Whiting has completed her year's training in London and has obtained a post at the City Freeman's School. Pat Barfoot has just completed successfully her two years at Bishop Otter. She visited us at school at the end of term bringing specimens of her work in book binding including copies of "Rya"—beautiful work and it is not surprising to hear that she obtained her Certificate with Distinction in the craft. She is to teach at a Modern School in Kent.

Mr. Allnutt brought back news from Bedford of Gordon Sexton and Robin Wigg. The former has not yet completed his engineering apprenticeship while the latter has just obtained his "Wings" in the Naval Air Service. Geoffrey Blackmore came over to see us recently—he hopes he may take Orders.

Rex Cowper we understand has successfully completed his degree course in Science at Reading. He seems to leave his contact with the school to his sister! Bob Burnett, also of Reading, is just completing a most interesting and profitable year in France. We often hear about him both by letter and by frequent Saturday morning talks with his father in Lion Street. Altogether he would appear to have had as full an experience as any old scholar since the war—very enterprising. Pauline Baker has completed her training as a Domestic Science Mistress at Gloucester and is to teach in Hastings. She will live at home and has agreed to help Will Dunlop as Secretary of O.S.A. It is grand to know that Will is to have the assistance of one of the younger generation of old scholars. It was a happy idea to have a special August reunion for recent leavers; it was very well attended and it was good to see some of the regular older generations there as well. I very much hope that one practical result will be a large increase in subscriptions to "Rya." Increasing costs and a relatively small circulation are making it more difficult than ever to maintain standards.

We were pleased to hear that Marshall Sargent of Battle had been ordained Priest. He is working in a Bristol parish bemoaning the loss of a Church School to the L.E.A. Marshall will preach at our Commemoration Service on October 6th.

John Tanner sent news of all the family. Joe is doing very well in her new school. He is more guarded in his reference to Clive, but both he says 'get a wishful look when the subject of Rye crops up.' John himself is going down to the south-west to sell for a brewery, and to join the Territorials after attaining commissioned rank during national service. Another who had made the most of his national service is Peter Gutsell—he has written long letters from Hamburg and has a special article in this number. His Bedford billetors were in Rye again this summer and did very well selling flags for St. Johns! Tony Third has written more than once: he has completed a Personnel Management course (I hope it's not as fearful as it sounds) and has gone to an oil company. Michael Barclay has written more than once during his photography course in London and has been a regular visitor. He has now joined the R.A.F. Ninian has nearly completed his library course at Brighton. Pamela Whiting gave news of Jean Pope and Betty Ford. She often sees the Bulls in London: they never fail to call at school when in the district. Victor Barham has left Wadhurst and is now farming on his own at East Hoathly—he still hankers after a course at an agricultural college. He sent us news of Julian. Doris Smith keeps in touch. She is hoping soon to start training as a nurse at Eastbourne with Marjorie Clark. George Roberts is to be congratulated on completing his engineering course at Brighton. Recently he was in charge of work at Smeaton's old harbour at Winchelsea and was able to entertain a small party



from the school. Paige has survived his first year at Reading. We are sorry to hear of his cycle accident and can only hope he'll soon be fit again. Tony Law often calls in when on leave from Cranwell. He is anxious for more R.G.S. to qualify. He and Norman Glass have found two other old Rye Grammarians there—Peter Kennett of Bedford days who was transferred to Whitehaven, and Richard (?) King of Broad Oak. With Pat Lewis there's almost enough for a Cranwell section of O.S.A.! Ivan Smith has been transferred to the A.E.C. with the rank of Sgt.; he things that is Heaven compared with Lieut. in the Infantry!

Among recent visitors to the school have been Judd Varley (now sailing in the West Indies), Pauline Pankhurst just moved to the East Sussex Hospital, W. J. Baker of Battle who dollected some sports equipment for the Battle Youth Centre and told one or two stories of the pre-Jacobs era, Keith Cook quite happy in the R.A.F., Stokes of Guestling now in R.E.M.E., Joy Batehup still at Avery Hill and a very regular visitor, Rowan Hackman, a great delight to see after very many years. He is a schoolmaster at Isleworth.

Congratulations to Cynthia Breeds on her marriage and also to her sister Daphne and Basil Jones who were married the same day. Another R.G.S. affair!

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